



## **MEDIA RELEASE**

### **Major Injury Traffic Collision**

**SANTA BARBARA, CA – October 24, 2012**

On October 23, 2012, at 7:30 p.m., officers from the Santa Barbara Police Department responded to a call of an injury traffic collision on Milpas Street near the intersection with Quinientos Street. Upon arrival they found a bicyclist, Colleen Bernadette Devine-King, age 41, of Santa Barbara, lying on the roadway with her bicycle. Devine-King was severely injured and transported by paramedics to Santa Barbara Cottage Hospital Emergency Room.

Given the severity of the accident the SBPD Collision Reconstruction Team was activated and responded to the scene. Investigation preliminarily indicates that at the time of the collision Devine-King was riding her bicycle on the wrong side of the roadway, in violation of 21650 VC, when she was struck by a Dodge Challenger travelling northbound in the #2 northbound lane of Milpas Street, just north of the intersection with Quinientos Street. The vehicle was driven by Luis Miguel Torres, age 21, of Santa Barbara. Torres was not under the influence of drugs or alcohol. A final determination as to the cause of the collision will not be made until Devine-King's toxicology results have been obtained.

Devine-King is currently being treated at Santa Barbara Cottage Hospital for life-threatening injuries.

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